(e) what is the extent to which the , entry of HAL into civil aviation market is likely to affect the functioning of the existing airline ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLI-KARJUN) : (a) to (e) M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) have no intention | of entering civil air transportation bust-ness. They have for years been manufac-turing aircraft for civil use such as HS 748, Dornier 228, etc and have been sup- ' plying components to other aircraft manu-facturers. They have recently signed a memorandum of understanding for a joint study to explore the feasibility of manu-facturing 100—130 seater passenger air-craft jointly with a Korean company and also possibly other parties.

Non-utilisation of Public Sector by armed forces

1964. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the defence forces and the armed forces Organisations have not been utilising the sources of Procurement available with Public Sector in respect of the items of their use ;

(b) whether despite repeated efforts, orders are not being placed for procurement of boots from Central Government undertakings ;

(c) whether as a result the companies under Public Sector have been adversely suffering; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLI-KARJUN): (a), (c) and (d) Instructions prevalent in the Defence Service are in line with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, including the one for purchase preference to Public Sector enterprises provided their quoted price is within ten percent of the lowest , technically acceptable offer.

(b) As stated in answer to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 424 on 29 April 1993, order for boots, after booking the capacity of the Ordnance Factory at Kan-pur, have been placed in accordance with the aforesaid instructions. In the process, the Public Sector Company TAFCO has received orders acceptable to it at the price permissible under the guidelines.

Funds for replacement of INS Vikrant

1965. PROF. SAUR1N BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Ramdas demands funds to replace INS Vikrant" as published in the Statesman dated 2nd December, 1993 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MAL-LIKARIUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Looking to the perception of security threats at any given time, efforts are made to ensure the availability of adequate funds in order to address our concerns in this regard. The modernisation of the Indian Navy, and her force levels are considered with reference to the Perspective Plan and the Annual Plans drawn up for the purpose.

प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा सैनिक विमानों का उपयोग

1966. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नवम्बर, 1993 में सम्पन्न हुए चुनावों में प्रधान मंत्री पी० वी नरसिंह राव द्वारा कुल कितने घंटे हवाई यात्रा की गई;

(ख) उसका कुल किराया कितना है; और

(ग) कुल कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया गया है और बकाया राशि को वसूल करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) नवम्बर, 1993 में चुनावों के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री ने गैर-सरकारी कार्यों के लिए भारतीय वायुसेना के वायुयान में 343.55 घंटे उड़ान भरी और इस पर 8,29,63,833/ रु० खर्च हुए । इसका बिल तैयार किया गया है तथा अखिल भारतीय कांग्रेस समिति (आई) से वसूल करने के लिए भेज दिया गया है।

M/s Mohanty & Associates

1967. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present CMD of ET&T Corporation Ltd. is having his own company known as M/s Mohanty & Associates doing business parallel to ET&T;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the software imported at a price of US dollar 4.5 lakhs are being used by M/s Mohanty & Associates ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the manpower, technology and sources acquired by ET&T are being used by CMD's own Company, M/s Mohanty & Associates which is causing a great loss to ET&T Corporation ; and

(d) what action Government propose *to* take against M/s Mohanty & Associates and also against the CMD of ET&T Corporation Ltd. for the misuse of position against the interest of the Corporation and that of the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir. According to the Notice given by CMD. ET&T under Section 299 read with 297 of the Companies Act, 1956, he *does* not have any company of his own. M/s Mohanty & Associates, as per the Notice is a proprietory firm of Shri Anupana Mohanty, son of the present CMD.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Corruption in ET and T Corporation Limited

1968. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ET&T Corporaton Limited imported Marconi Communications Test Sets during August, 1992 in foreign currency equivalent to Rs. 7,83,697 and sold to private organisation M/s Shyam Antenna at a price of Rs. 5,39,215 ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons, for selling this high demand item at a loss to the private organisation ; and

(c) the action taken by the Corporation in the matter against the officer concerned and also the action taken by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) ET&T Corporation Limited has imported eleven Marconi Communications Test sets (without accessories) in March, 1992. Two such sets (without accessories) have been sold to M/s Shyam Antenna at a price of Rs. 5,39,215 each, which is higher than their average landed cost.

(c) Does not arise.